

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 5, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1 - 31 are pending in the application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 16 - 31 are allowable and that claims 5-7 and 11-15 contain allowable subject matter. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4 and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Famolari in view of McCorkle.

Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“ middleware logic that coordinates information exchange
 between the first interface and the second interface,
 wherein the second interface includes a clock.”

Famolari (US Patent Pub. No. 2003/0110484, hereinafter '484) and McCorkle (US Patent Pub. No. 2002/0064245, hereinafter "McCorkle") are directed to different issues. Accordingly, Applicant submits there is no motivation to combine the references. The Famolari '484 publication is directed to having a Bluetooth device (signal element 31) coordinating multiple computers (signal elements 11-14) to attain the latest version of a software packet over an internet type of backbone (signal elements 21 and 22).

The examiner relies upon McCorkle to incorporate the clocking features absent in the '484. The examiner cites as motivation the "obviousness" of incorporating the features of McCorkle into the '484 for the purposes of synchronizing the transmitting clock signals. Notably, in McCorkle at paragraph [0070], a radio controller and interface 303 exist to supply control signals RX Control and TX Control to timing generators 325 and 355, respectively. Here, McCorkle relies on external timing generators 325 and 355 to accomplish timing coordination. Accordingly, there is no motivation to combine two divergent timing systems to coordinate

signals for communications. Rather, McCorkle teaches an alternative approach that is not furthering the arrangement of Famolari '484.

Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over the combination.

Dependent claims 2-4 and 8-10 are allowable as well.

Claims 4 and 10 stand rejected over the combination of Famolari and McCorkle in further view of Haartsen.

Haartsen fails to remedy the failings of the combination of Famolari and McCorkle above. Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 4 and 10 are allowable over the combination.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3184.

Respectfully submitted,
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